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CHAPTER FIVE

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS

Traffic Function and Responsibility

Standard 500 - Traffic Function and Operations

A written directive describes the function and objectives of traffic enforcement and investigations.

Guideline: A clear definition of the traffic function that incorporates reasonable, attainable, quantifiable, measurable and sufficiently flexible objectives is necessary to enable officers to know what actions are in concert with agency policy and community standards.

Standard 501 - Traffic Enforcement Responsibility

A written directive defines the responsibility for enforcing traffic laws and regulations.

Guideline: This directive should make clear the responsibility of all personnel to effectively attainment agency objectives.

Traffic Collision Reporting

Standard 510 - Traffic Collision Reporting

A written directive establishes criteria for traffic collision reporting.

Guideline: This reporting should be, at minimum, in accordance with the California Highway Patrol Collision Investigation Manual.

Equipment

Standard 520 - Equipment

A written directive establishes criteria for the use of specialized equipment in traffic enforcement and investigation.

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Vehicles

Standard 530 - Vehicles

All vehicles used primarily for traffic enforcement comply with the requirements of law.

Enforcement Procedures

Standard 540 - Traffic Enforcement Procedures

A written directive establishes procedures for enforcement of traffic laws.

Guideline: This directive should establish guidelines to ensure that enforcement actions are commensurate with applicable laws, agency objectives and community standards.

Towing, Storage and Impound

Standard 550 - Towing, Storage and Impound

A written directive establishes procedures for the towing, removing, storing, seizing, impounding and releasing of vehicles.

Guideline: This directive should include provisions for vehicles that are illegally parked, stolen, abandoned, evidence or seized. These provisions should be in accordance with applicable vehicle code sections.

Follow-up Investigation

Standard 560 - Follow-up Investigation

A written directive establishes procedures for follow-up investigation of traffic collisions.

Guideline: The directive should establish when and how follow-up investigations should be conducted and designate who is responsible for the follow-up.

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